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CAIR-MN Condemns Neo-Nazi Antisemitic Vandalism Targeting Synagogue



A Ismail Allison O December 17, 2024 O 1:25 pm

The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN) today condemned neo-Nazi antisemitic vandalism targeting a synagogue in Minneapolis.

Two Nazi swastikas were spray painted on the Minneapolis' Temple Israel, the largest synagogue in Minnesota, on Monday morning. Minneapolis police confirmed surveillance cameras captured the incident and released several images Monday afternoon. The suspect wore a white hoodie with the hood up, a black face covering, black jogger pants and tan boots. They left in a silver Honda Civic and spent less than two minutes at the temple. No arrests have been made.

SEE: Swastikas spray-painted outside entrance to Temple Israel synagogue in **Minneapolis**

"We condemn this hateful desecration of a house of worship and stand in solidarity with the Jewish community of Minneapolis," said CAIR-MN Executive Director Jaylani Hussein. "All faith communities should be protected from harassment and intimidation at their houses of worship."

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CAIR Joins USCMO in Condemning Smears Targeting Minnesota Muslim Community



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The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) today joined the US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO), the nation's umbrella group of national, regional, and local Muslim organizations, in condemning a coordinated campaign of anti-Muslim attacks targeting the Minnesota Muslim community as part of politically-motivated attack on Minnesota governor Tim Walz. CAIR is a USCMO member.

On Aug. 16, the right-wing website The Washington Examiner published a defamatory article that falsely claimed that the Islamic Association of North America (IANA), a widely-respected national American Muslim social services organization, was raising funds for a charity linked to terrorism. IANA sent a demand letter to the Examiner demanding a correction and apology.

In a statement, USCMO Secretary-General Oussama Jammal said:

"The US Council of Muslim Organizations strongly condemns the recent hateful, politically motivated, and transparently dishonest attempts to smear the American Muslim community, particularly the Minnesota Muslim community.

"We stand in solidarity with the Islamic Association of North America, a widely respected national non-profit organization that has worked with the state of Minnesota to provide educational, medical, and youth services to the community, especially during the COVID pandemic.

"None of this important work is or should be remotely controversial. The Washington Examiner's twisted game of guilt by association via six degrees of separation is a stale, predictable strategy straight from the anti-Muslim playbook deployed every election season. Anti-Muslim voices must understand that this is 2024, not 2016. Defamatory attacks on the American Muslim community and our non-profit organizations will not be tolerated.

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"We encourage all elected officials to reject cynical attempts by Islamophobes to turn American Muslims into a political hot potato and thereby rob our community of our right to engage in the political process. American Muslims are not going anywhere, and we intend to make our voices heard everywhere from the halls of Congress to the ballot box, God willing."

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